

This bill contains bipartisan proposals to keep us innovating and creating in critical industries and makes sure that the United States is not at the mercy of a tenuous international supply chain.

CONGRATULATING ANDY KLINE ON HIS RETIREMENT

(Mr. KELLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, today I recognize corrections officer and Local 148 Union President Andy Kline, who is retiring after 25 years of service at USP Lewisburg and FCC Allenwood.

In Congress it has been my pleasure to work with Andy on issues related to the Bureau of Prisons. His insight has been vital for our team in creating the Bureau of Prisons Reform Caucus and working on legislation to improve staffing shortages, inmate security, and emergency preparedness.

In addition to his career with the Bureau of Prisons, Andy served in the Army Reserves for 8 years and is heavily involved in helping others in his community. Andy is a Pennsylvania native and a dedicated servant who always puts others before himself.

While his retirement is well deserved, Andy's impact and leadership at the BOP will be missed.

Andy, thank you for the sacrifices you have made to keep our community safe. Enjoy your retirement with your family and congratulations on an outstanding career of service.

AMERICA COMPETES ACT IS A WIN FOR THE COUNTRY

(Ms. DEAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DEAN. Mr. Speaker, for decades we have heard elected officials rightfully decry the loss of American jobs, and then promise to bring them back.

And for generations Americans have waited for that promise. Here is the chance.

Since January 2000, the United States has lost over a quarter of all domestic manufacturing jobs. That means a decline of more than 4.7 million jobs in just two decades.

Real people have paid the consequences. I have seen it in my own district, suburban Philadelphia; in places like Pottstown, Boyertown, Norristown that have lost manufacturing jobs and opportunities.

The America COMPETES Act is a chance to revitalize these and other communities as well as to strengthen our national security. Here are some highlights:

\$52 billion to maintain and expand our production of semiconductor chips right here at home, which run our cars, phones, computers, healthcare system;

\$45 billion to improve our supply chains, with a special focus on pro-

ducing more of our critical goods here; and

Investments in scientific research and innovation so that we are not only in this century but we are globally leading it.

This bipartisan legislation should be an easy "yes" for everyone in this Chamber and everyone in the Senate to pass. The America COMPETES Act is not a political win. It is a win for America.

REMEMBERING THE REMARKABLE LIFE OF LOIS BOUTON

(Mr. WOMACK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WOMACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the remarkable life of an honorable patriot, the late Lois Bouton of Rogers, Arkansas. She died recently at the age of 102.

Most know her lovingly as the Coast Guard Lady, but that nickname didn't just stem from 20 years as a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla on Beaver Lake in Arkansas. During World War II she enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard Women's Reserve, where she acted as a radio operator. She was discharged in 1945 from the SPARS. That is the acronym reflecting the Coast Guard's motto: Semper Paratus—Always Ready.

However, her passion for service never left. Lois made it a point to visit with wounded and recovering military members, always taking particular care to find her fellow Coasties. This was just the start of her mission to uplift others. She tirelessly wrote over 100,000 handwritten letters to greet and encourage personnel. Her words have crossed oceans and seas, reaching legions of Coast Guard members and their families all over the world.

Her dedication earned her the rank of Honorary Master Chief Petty Officer, Department of Defense Spirit of Hope Award, the U.S. Coast Guard Distinguished Public Service Award, and more. But she always maintained that her greatest accomplishment was the joy she helped spread.

I want the Nation to know of this extraordinary American. Fair winds and following seas to the beloved Coast Guard Lady from Arkansas.

SUPPORTING AMERICAN WORKERS

(Ms. NEWMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. NEWMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate how the America COMPETES Act will empower manufacturing workers and small businesses on Chicago's southwest side and suburbs.

For too long, America's supply chain has relied on countries like China to bring us critical goods and services. And who has suffered? Of course, it is not the CEOs who ship jobs overseas. It

is America's factory workers, small businesses, and local manufacturers.

This bill is for them. And that is exactly why I have introduced amendments to this bill to boost American jobs and strengthen the supply chain with new workforce development programs.

Let's support American workers, invest in American businesses, and let's create millions of American jobs.

By passing the America COMPETES Act, we will do just that.

RON BRICKEY WORKED TIRELESSLY TO SERVE OTTUMWA

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a man who dedicated his life to serving my hometown.

On January 9, 2022, Ron Brickey of Ottumwa passed away. A fellow Army veteran, Ron grew up in Ottumwa, graduated from Ottumwa High School, and went on to earn a degree in finance and engineering from Iowa State University.

He worked for over 40 years at McCune & Reed Insurance, serving as president and co-owner.

Ron was a lifetime member of First Presbyterian Church, serving on the board of elders and singing in the church choir. He is also a former president and longtime member of the Rotary Club of Ottumwa, served on the board of the American Home Finding Association, was a member of the Ottumwa Chamber of Commerce, received the Gene Schultz Award for community service, served on the Ottumwa Area Development Council, and was president of the Ottumwa Regional Health Center Board.

He cooked countless chickens for the Ottumwa Rotary Oktoberfest barbecue, raised thousands for the McCreery Cancer Center and the Bridge View Convention Center. Ron worked tirelessly to leave the world a better place than he found it, and he was successful.

Ron's wife, Janet, his two children, and seven grandchildren are in my prayers.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF CEOLE SPEIGHT

(Ms. GARCIA of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Ceole Speight.

Elta Ceole Branam Speight was born on June 8, 1928, and was reunited in Heaven with her husband of 63 years, Joseph, on January 24, 2022.

As a member of the United Food and Commercial Workers, Local 455, Ceole was appointed as the volunteer and programs director at the Harris County

AFL-CIO in 1968. She would go on to give 40 years of dedicated service to the labor movement in Houston and in Texas.

She will be remembered by many as a strong, Democratic woman who fought for what she believed in, who always saw what was wrong and tried to make it right. I will remember her as a hard worker, whose hard work was really infectious. You simply could not sit by when Ceole was around. She guided, she pushed, she advised, she poked, she served as a role model for all of us.

Our thoughts are with Ceole's family and the countless friends and allies whose lives she touched with her time and her generosity on this Earth.

Rest easy, dear friend, you will be missed.

PATSY BENNETT'S LEGACY OF BEAUTY, GRACE, AND SERVICE

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of a life spent in service and love for others, Patsy Bennett of Jesup, Georgia.

If you got married in southeast Georgia in the 1960s to the late 1980s, you probably had the pleasure of working with Patsy Bennett.

Patsy was special to many people in her community because she was dedicated to making their special day unforgettable. Patsy made it her mission to ensure every bride had whatever dress she wanted, and if she didn't have it on hand, she would craft it herself.

At her bridal store, one could pick out their own flowers, have bridesmaids' luncheons, rehearsal dinners, and even hold their wedding ceremony in Patsy's big room.

Patsy left a beautiful mark on everything she created—be that a wedding, a bridal shower, or a relationship she developed with the women she served.

Her service to our community's women and families truly was not only remarkable but fun to watch in the form of beautiful ceremonies.

Patsy's legacy is one of beauty, grace, and service, and my thoughts and prayers reside with her family and those affected by this tremendous loss.

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LIMITING IMPACTS FROM SUPPLY CHAIN SHOCKS

(Mr. O'HALLERAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. O'HALLERAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to voice my support for the America COMPETES Act, for which my amendment to this legislation was adopted.

This legislative package will make new investments in research, innovation, and American manufacturing. It

will ensure that the United States can outcompete any nation in the world for the coming decades.

Importantly, our bill would address issues with our supply chain and higher prices for families at the grocery store and the gas pump. Even small price increases make a painful dent for rural and Tribal families in our district.

That is why I introduced the amendment to the legislation that will ensure these rural and Tribal families, like so many of Arizona's First District, are not overlooked.

My amendment tasks the Department of Commerce with publishing a report every 4 years on supply chain resilience and domestic manufacturing. Understanding how supply chain shocks impact rural, Tribal, and underserved communities is critical for their future growth.

I am committed to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to identify commonsense legislative solutions that continue to address these issues.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF MARTHA BANDA

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Martha Banda, a lifetime resident of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, who passed away in January surrounded by family. She was 87 years old.

One of Martha's biggest accomplishments was serving the Johnstown community as the first Democratic woman to be elected to the Johnstown City Council. From there, Martha was an elected member of the Democratic State Committee and served as an appointed member and chairperson of the Johnstown Housing Authority and secretary of the Cambria County War Memorial Authority.

Martha's role as a public servant continued when she was elected by council to serve as deputy mayor of Johnstown for 4 years.

Outside of Martha's role in politics, Martha was a faithful member of St. Benedict Parish, where she served in a variety of roles.

Martha was always giving back to the community, serving as a member of the Salvation Army Advisory Board as well as president of the Moxham Citizen's Association in 1979. Martha also served on the Bottle Works Board and was a member of the American Association of University Women, Quota Club, the Chrysanthemum Society, and the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees.

Martha's impact on the greater Johnstown community will not be forgotten. My prayers are with Martha's family and her friends.

BIOECONOMY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2021

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. UNDERWOOD). Pursuant to clause 1(c) of rule XIX, further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4521) to provide for a coordinated Federal research initiative to ensure continued United States leadership in engineering biology will now resume.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

AMENDMENT NO. 239 OFFERED BY MRS. STEEL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 239 printed in part D of House Report 117-241.

Mrs. STEEL. Madam Speaker, I have an amendment at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Page 1341, after line 19, add the following:

(10) the United States should seek to require the Chinese Communist Party to match emission cutting targets established by the United States.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 900, the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. STEEL) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from California.

Mrs. STEEL. Madam Speaker, I yield myself 2 minutes.

China has avoided accountability for their unfair trade practices, gross human rights violations, and environmental abuse for too long.

My amendment would require the Chinese Communist Party to match emission-cutting targets established by the United States.

China accounts for 28 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions, more than any other country in the world. This amendment takes necessary steps to hold China accountable for their pollution. It is time they are held to the same standards as any other developed country. They shouldn't get a free pass. We cannot allow China to walk all over us.

I also want to address what was said by my colleagues on the other side of the aisle about criticism of this bill.

Two days ago, Democrats suggested that criticism of this legislation is "Asian bashing" and "xenophobic." What nonsense.

Let me be clear: I will never back down from calling out the CCP on their transparency and to be responsible. We should all be on the side of free speech, democracy, and human rights.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to oppose Representative STEEL's amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Representative STEEL and I share a lot of the same concerns about China,